(b) if so, the details of the total damage that have been caused and loss of lives and properties of the Ministry; and

(c) what is the help and assistance provided by the Ministry to those employees who were killed and also damage caused to various tourist attractive places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per information received from State Governments/Union Territories, the following tourism infrastructure has been affected by the Tsunami:

(i) **Pondicherry**: St. James Court Beach Resort, Chunnambar Resort, Hotel Pondicherry Ashok and Dolphin Beach, Seagulls Restaurant and Water Sports Complex in Karaikal Region and Boat Club and Seagulls Restaurant in Yanam Region.

(ii) **Tamil Nadu:** Tourist cottages, hotels, boat jetty, launches, tourist amenities, etc. at Mamallapuram, Muttukadu, Kanniyakumari, Mudaliyarkuppam, Nagapattinam, Velankanni and Poompuhar.

(iii) **Kerala:** Beaches of Kovalam, Veli-Shanghumukom, Varkala, Cherai, Thirumullavaram, Alappuzha, Kumbalagi, Kozhikode, Bekal, Fort Kochi, Muzhippilangad and the Ashtamudi Backwater Front.

(b) and (c) Hotel Pondicherry Ashok, a joint venture hotel between the Government of Pondicherry and India Tourism Development Corporation has suffered a loss of Rs. 40 lakh due to the Tsunami.

There has been no report of loss of life of any employee of the Ministry due to the Tsunami.

Development of tourism in Andaman Islands

134. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to develop tourism in Andaman islands;

(b) whether it is also a fact that environmental protection issue is coming in its way;

(c) whether Government propose to amend the coastal zone notification to ensure legitimate economic activity with increased employment for the locals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Development and promotion of tourism is a continuous process in the country including the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(b) No, Sir. Ministry of Environment & Forests have stated that the development of tourism should be based on integrated coastal zone management studies and the activities to be taken up in the CRZ area should be in accordance with the provisions of the CRZ Notification, 1991 as amended from time to time.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Sound and light show at Kittur Fort

135. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposal of State Government of Karnataka for providing 'sound and light' show at Kittur Fort;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) the time by which the proposal will be cleared by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Project proposals received, complete in all respects, are processed on inter-se-priority and funds released, subject to availability